

News Release

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Tornado Cleanup

ROCKFORD, III. – The National Weather Service has confirmed that Rockford was hit by two tornadoes on Monday. City staff began cleaning up immediately after the storm. Our focus so far has been to clear streets of obstructions and tree debris. For the next several days, we have 14 public works crews and 3 contracted crews removing trees and branch debris along the streets in the hardest hit areas. Debris from the storm in the right of way on the following streets will be picked up:

- N. Trainer Rd
- Burlwood Dr
- Windsong
- Cranbrook Ln
- Chippendale Ct
- Hubbard Trl
- Creekside Ln
- Allerton Dr
- Crampton Ln
- Williamsburg Rd
- Guilford Rd
- Monticello Ln
- Shaw Woods Dr.
- Shaw Woods Close
- Wedgewood Way
- Bellingham Rd
- Oak Knolls Ave
- Vale Ave
- Calvin Park South
- Broadmoor Dr
- Hooker Ave

As our cleanup efforts continue, we may announce debris pickup on other streets within the tornado path. There are still areas where ComEd has not restored power. Once power is restored, we'll assess the area for cleanup.

The City also provides unlimited yard and branch waste removal through its contractor Rock River Disposal who will continue to pick up residential yard waste on the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up.

Please remember that yard and tree waste material must be placed in compostable paper bags or in 32 gallon or smaller refuse cans that have been marked with a large "X" that is plainly visible from the street. Twigs, branches and other types of large brush that cannot fit into either of these containers must be placed in bundles no more than 4 feet long by 2 feet in diameter. Bundles should be tied with string or twine, not metal. No bag, can or bundle can weigh more than 50 pounds when loaded. Yard and tree waste cannot be mixed with regular garbage nor placed in plastic bags for pickup.

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